

MONTREAL (CUP) — A cowboy flashes on the screen, pushing his way through a field of Indians shouting arrows at a native woman bound to a pole. He dismounts, plunges a sword into her and watches her legs wriggle. The player scores a point.

The game is called Custer's Revenge. The manufacturers, American Multiple Industries (AMI), has plans for two dozen more "adult" video games by 1984.

AMI president Stuart Kesten has described Custer's Revenge as an amusing game in which a woman willingly submits to a sexual act, say groups opposing AMI's games.

Atari, America's leading video game manufacturer, is suing AMI for producing Custer's Revenge, which can only be played on the Atari VCS 2600 system, Atari has received

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thousands of complaints about Custer's Revenge and is worried its image as a marketer of family-oriented video games will be tarnished.

American activists had al-

ready campaigned against Custer's Revenge when Canadian customs approved it for import Oct. 18. By the end of October, 20 groups had mobilized to pressure customs into banning importation of the game.

These groups wrote letters and telegrams to Judy Erola, the status of women minister, and Pierre Bussiers, minister of revenue. Some groups also verbally harassed video game managers who planned to sell the game. They also planned a one-minute "speak-out" on CBC radio.

That proved unnecessary. Customs reversed its decision Dec. 1.

But the battle may not be over. AMI president Kesten has already sued Suffolk County in New York for banning the game and he may appeal the Canadian customs ruling.